



# The Strathfield Scene



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## Upcoming Events

### Term 1

Week 7 12/3

● **Family Fair Day**  
**14<sup>th</sup> March**



Week 8 19/3

● **Cross Country Running**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Week 9 26/3

● **Preliminary Exams Start**  
**26<sup>th</sup> March**  
● **Easter Show Excursion**  
**29<sup>th</sup> March**

Week 10 2/4

● **WSU Aim Higher Program**  
**5<sup>th</sup> April**

Week 11 9/4

● **Last Day School - Term 1**  
**13<sup>th</sup> April**

## Principal's Message

With students from over 50 different countries, Strathfield South High School embodies the kind of multicultural diversity that modern Australia should be proud of. Our students speak over 60 different languages, they represent all of the world's major religions, and they have cultural experiences that make their peers and teachers rich with stories.

Our annual Family Fair day is one of the many ways in which we celebrate our harmonious multiculturalism, and this was truly a day to be proud of. It was very pleasing to see so many parents, family and community members entering the school and sharing the diversity of our experience through cultural representations, traditional clothing, and of course, food. Photos of the event are contained in this newsletter.

I make a point of observing all of the faiths and cultures that make up our school community. This term began with our Lunar New Year luncheon, and will also include Easter observances. The end of the term will see our Thai and Lao students celebrating Songkran. Next term we will honour Ramadan and join with our community in our annual Iftar meal and Eid. Later in the year will see Diwali and Christmas being celebrated. There is always something to be happy about at Strathfield South High School!

Our calendar is full of joys brought to us by the richness of our cultural make-up, and every student benefits from the experiences of others; making a stronger, more accepting and safer community for everyone.



*Simon Paterson*





# Family Fair Day - Our Multicultural Celebration

On 14th March we held our annual Family Fair Day event, a celebration of the wonderfully diverse community that we are lucky enough to have at Strathfield South High School. This day was the result of months of planning and work to provide our students, their families and staff an exciting and fun day filled with games, cultural displays, activities and of course food.

Staff, students and parents generously provided food from their culture that was enjoyed by all. Our amazing Hospitality students prepared the remaining food and served lunch to the many family and community members who built up an appetite on the games and activities set up on the oval. We would like to extend our gratitude to families who were able to join us for our celebration.

It was an amazing day and ran flawlessly with a massive thanks to Ms Cotsis and Ms Cotis who managed the day and to all staff and students who ran stalls, activities and ensured the day was a success.





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## UNSW Year 8 and 10 Aspire Workshops

ASPIRE was back at Strathfield South with its team of ambassadors to once again provide a range of opportunities and avenues for exploration for our year 9 and 10 students. APIRE is an outreach program that works with school students from low socio-economic status (SES) backgrounds in schools across Sydney and regional New South Wales. Its aim is to increase student's educational aspirations and help them access a university education.

Year 8 and 10 students visited the University of New South Wales to participate in a range of programs for the day. The day allowed both sets of students the chance to work closely with the ASPIRE ambassadors, teachers and current students, in a variety of workshops that ultimately attempt to provide an insight into life as a university student.





# SPORTS



## Sport Photos

